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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES – Dept., for Women, Children, Differently Abled & Senior Citizens - Smt. K. Leelavathi, Project Director, WD&CW and 16 others - Surprise Check conducted by the Anti Corruption Bureau in the O/o the Project Director, WD&CW, Kadapa on 24.12.2014 - Certain allegation of financial irregularities in procurement of eggs by payment of additional amount to the contractors and violation of tender conditions - Departmental proceedings initiated under A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991- Inquiry Report - Explanations received – Case referred under Rule 9(2)(a) of APRP Rules 1980 - Further action dropped – Orders - Issued.

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DEPTT FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN, DIFFERENTLY ABLED AND SENIOR CITIZENS (ESTT)

G.O.Rt.No.128. Dated:14.11.2023.

Read the following:-

1. DG,ACB, Lr.Rc.No.167/RCO-TCD/2015, dated: 01.2018.
2. G.O.Rt.Nos.215,216,217,218,219,220,221,222,223,224,225,226, 227,228,229,230,231, Dept., for WCDA & SC, dated 13.11.2018.
3. Govt., Memo.No.12028/1/2018-Estt.A3-3,dt 12.11.2018.
4. G.O.Rt.No.123,Deptt., for WCDA & SC, dated 26.06.2020.
5. G.O.Rt.No.159, Dept., for WCDA & SC, dated 14.08.2020.
6. From the Inquiry Officer and Joint Director(Admn), WD&CW, Inquiry Report received vide Lr.No. dated 01.06.2021.
7. Lr.No.WDC02-12028/5/2018-DC-WDCW, dated: 31-07-2021, of the Director, WD&CW, Guntur.

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ORDER:

The D.G., A.C.B., in the reference first read above has informed that, on credible information, that Smt. K. Leelavathi, P.D., D.W & C.D.A., Kadapa was indulging in criminal misconduct, committing misappropriation of Govt. Revenue and converting the same for her pecuniary gain by misusing her official position etc.. Accordingly, a surprise check was conducted by the Bureau on the O/o .P.D., D.W & C.D.A., Kadapa, on 24.12.2014 at 10.30 A.M in the presence of the Mediators. During the surprise check, prima facie evidence was found against Smt.K.Leelavathi, who had formerly worked as P.D., D.W & C.D.A., Kadapa on the allegation that she had colluded with the contractors in supply of food articles like red gram dal and other materials and got substandard food materials for the beneficiaries. As per the conclusion of the final report of the D.G., A.C.B., it was established that 18 Accused Officers had exhibited lack of integrity as well as lack of devotion to duty and they had also exhibited conduct unbecoming of a public servant.

2. Therefore, the DG, ACB has recommended to initiate departmental action against AO-1 to AO-4, AO-6 and AO-8 to AO-18 for violation of Rules 3(1), 3(2) and 3(5) of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules 1964 and also recommended to initiate departmental action under Rule No.9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules 1980 against

AO-05 Smt. G. Santha Devi and AO-7 Smt. S.Viajyalakshmi, as they have retired from service on 31.08.2016 and 30.4.2014 respectively.

3. In the reference second read above, disciplinary proceedings were initiated by framing article of charges under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 against (1) Smt. K.Leelavathi, PD, DW&CDA, Kadapa,(2) Smt.Santha Sunanda,CDPO (3)Smt. Smt.P.Bharathi, CDPO (4)Smt. Smt.V.Aruna Kumari, CDPO(5) Smt.G.Shantha Devi, CDPO(6) Smt.P.Nirmala, CDPO (7) Smt. K.Hymavathi, CDPO (8)Smt.N.Hymavathi,CDPO (9) Smt.Ch.Adilakshumamma, CDPO (10)Smt.MunthazBegum, CDPO (11)Smt.E.M.S.Padmavathi, CDPO(12) Smt.S.Sreedevi,CDPO (13) Smt.S.Rajeswari Devi, CDPO (14) Smt.P.Rama Devi, CDPO (15) Smt.Sujamani , CDPO (16) Smt.Rajamma, CDPO (17) Smt.C.Sreemathamma, CDPO, on certain allegation of financial irregularities in procurement of eggs by payment of additional amount to the contractors and violation of tender conditions.

4. In the reference third read above, the then Spl. Commissioner, WD&CW, has been requested to take immediate action to initiate criminal action against Smt. D.S. Vijayalakshmi, former CDPO, ICDS Project, Kadapa and retired now, as per the extant rules in force, under intimation to the Government, as the stipulated period of four years limitation for initiating the disciplinary proceedings against her, is already over under Rule-9 (2) (b) (ii) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

5. In the reference fourth read above, the Charged Officers have submitted their Written Statements of Defence by denying the allegations made in the Charge and requested to drop further action initiated against them in this case. However, the Charged Officers Smt. K. Leelavathi, PD,DW&CDA(expired on 24.07.2019), Smt. V. Aruna Kumari, Smt. E.M.S. Padmavathi and Smt. S. Sreedevi, CDPO have not submitted their Written Statement of Defence within the stipulated period.

6. Government after careful examination of the matter and having not satisfied the Written Statement of Deference submitted by the Charged Officers have decided to conduct Common Inquiry into the charges framed against all the Charged Officers under Rule 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Service (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991.

7. Accordingly, Government have appointed Smt. R. Sreelatha, Joint Director(Admn) O/o the Director, WD&CW, Guntur, A.P, as Inquiry Authority under Rule 20 (2) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 to conduct Inquiry in the charges framed against the Charged Officers and also appointed the Project Director, DW&CDA, ICDS Project, Kadapa as20(5)(c) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991, on behalf of the disciplinary authority, in support of the articles of charges vide reference fourth read above.

8. In partial modification to G.O mentioned vide reference fourth read above, Government has appointed Sri P. Srinivasa Reddy, Inspector of Police, ACB, Kadapa Range, Kadapa as Presenting Officer to present the case before the Inquiry Officer.

9. The Inquiry Officer has submitted the Inquiry report vide reference sixth read above and same was communicated to the delinquent officers through Director, WD&CW Dept., Govt., of A.P., vide reference 7th read above for which the delinquent officers have submitted their further representations except Smt. K. Leelavathi, former P.D., DW&CDA, Kurnool who expired on 24.07.2019.

10. Government after careful examination, hereby decided to drop further action against all the 16 CDPOs viz.,. ,(1) Smt. P.Bharathi, CDPO, (2) Smt. K.Hymavathi, CDPO, (3) Smt. P.Nirmala, CDPO, (4) Smt. N.Hymavathi, CDPO, (5) Smt. Sujamani, CDPO, (6) Smt. P.Rama Devi, CDPO, (7) Smt. Munthaz Begum, CDPO, (8) Smt. Ch.Adilakshumamma, CDPO, (9) Smt. C.Sreemathamma, CDPO, (10) Smt. Rajamma, CDPO, (11) Smt. Santha Sunanda, CDPO (12) Smt. G.Shantha Devi, CDPO, (13) Smt. S.Rajeswari Devi, CDPO, (14) Smt. Smt. V.Aruna Kumari, CDPO (15) Smt. E.M.S.Padmavathi, CDPO and (16) Smt. S.Sreedevi, CDPO as the charges framed against them are held not proved.

11. The Commissioner, Directorate of Women Development & Child Welfare, Govt., of A.P., Guntur, A.P., shall take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G.JAYALAKSHMI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVT.,

To
The Commissioner, WD&CW, Govt., of A.P., Guntur.
Copy to:
Sri S. Hari Narasimhulu, H/o.Smt. K. Leelavathi, former P.D., DW&CDA, Kadapa (now expired), (through the Commissioner, WD&CW)
The P.S to M(WD&CW)
The P.S to Prl. Secy., WD&CW.
APVC,
The G.A(V&E) Dept.,
The Director General, ACB., A.P., Vijayawada.
SF/SC.

// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

K. Suneetha
SECTION OFFICER